

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your responses to our Dual Meal school lunch offer consultation. Over 90% of respondents were in favour of moving to a dual meal offer service where we would serve both non-halal and halal meat offers during our daily meal service, in addition to a vegetarian offer. The Children, Families and Communities committee reviewed the outcomes last week and we will in January move to this offer. We will in the interim look at how we implement the offer and ensure the offer meets everyone's dietary needs.

I have published the dates for our Year 1 Nativity and Year 4 show performances on page 4. Parents from both year groups are welcome at either show so please add these dates to your diary.

Earlier this week Katie sent our School Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch meal offer. If you would like to have lunch with your child please let us know—there are only a few places left so be quick! (Page 5 & 6)

It is really great to be able to announce the winners of our, 'We are writers' poetry competition. Mairead had advertised this competition earlier this term, see page 8 to see our winners. Their work will be published in an Islington based publication and it's great tribute to all winners to see their work published—we hope to see more of their endeavours in years to come.

In another great week for additional learning 8 young females attended a fabulous Stem event with Ross our Science lead. You can read about their exploits on page 9.

I am also attaching our Christmas Fair details which explains how you can donate for the Tombola, recycle Christmas jumpers that are too small, donate unwanted cuddly toys and as importantly volunteer your time! There are also details of our Raffle ticket sale and all the events that will take place on Friday 8th December.

Finally, a poster about a Big Swap event at St Mary's Hornsey Rise from Make-Do Play. The idea is to support us all through yet another financially strained winter and Christmas. Lots of people did some of their Christmas 'shopping' with them last year. They will also take cash donations to support their work and it's completely optional - donating items, taking items, having a play is all completely free! Anything left over will take to the local baby bank. Please support if you can. (See page 7)

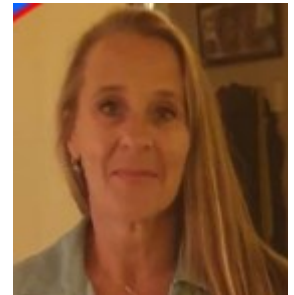
Best wishes,

Anthony

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## Annabel's Inclusion Corner



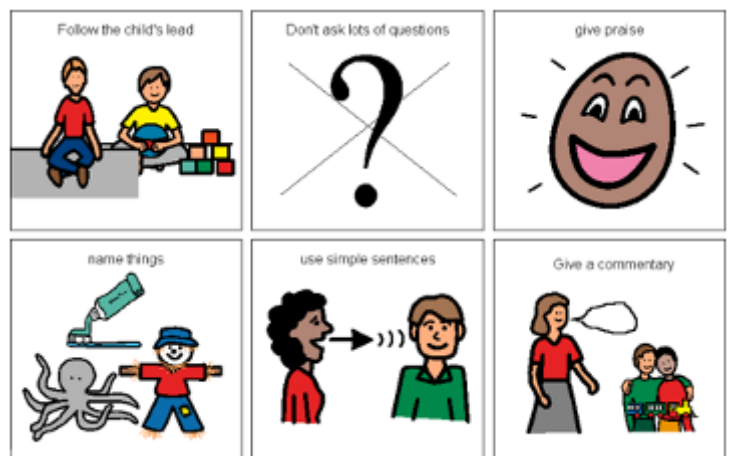
### How to help your dyslexic child

Defeat-Dyslexia.com provides guidance, learning resources, and moral support for parents of dyslexic children. Get to grips with the basics of dyslexia, or take a deep dive into the issues at the heart of this often-misunderstood learning difference. <http://www.defeat-dyslexia.com/>



### Adult Child Interaction and Early Communication

It is really important to provide lots of opportunities for adults to model language in a natural way across lots of different environments e.g. play. Whether your child is at the **preverbal communication stage** or has difficulties with **expressive language** (your child expressing their needs and wants) or **receptive language** (understanding what others say or ask them to do).



### Best Lining Up Award

Each week classes in KS1 and KS2 are awarded with a certificate and to

acknowledge their efforts for lining up quickly, sensibly and safely.

Last week it was 1G and 4B.



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Weekly Attendance 13.11.23 — 17.11.23

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.4
Reception Blue	90.0
Reception Green	91.6
1 Blue	95.9
1 Green	95.2
2 Blue	94.0
2 Green	91.7
3 Blue	97.3
3 Green	94.3
4 Blue	82.5
4 Green	98.8
5 Blue	92.4
5 Green	93.4
6 Blue	85.0
6 Green	99.2

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Green, 4 Green and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. These classes will on receive an additional 5 minutes playtime one day next week. At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupils is a huge focus with the mantra being:

"Every minute matters , Every second counts"

If you need support with attendance contact Peter, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's current league table leaders in each year group! In line with our Growth Mindset philosophy, this charts the biggest improvement in correct scores over the last seven days.

The top 3 most improved children for each year group this week are:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

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Year 3: Lily, Alexandra, Alessia

Year 4: Ecrin, Noor, Garvey

Year 5: Ryan, Heath, Yoonis

Year 6: Angelina, Isaiah, Stanley



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## What we are learning next week:

### Nursery

**English:** We will be exploring the book 'Colour Monster'.

**Maths:** We will be learning to recognise circles and triangles in our environment.

### Reception

**English:** We will be continuing to explore 'Billy and the Beast'.

**Maths:** We will be exploring composition of numbers to 5.

### Year 1

**English:** We will be describing settings and characters from our key text 'I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!' by Emma Chichester Clark.

**Maths:** We will be continuing our work on counting, comparing and ordering numbers up to 20.

### Year 2

**Maths:** We will be continuing to practice and consolidate our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

**English:** We will be planning and writing a letter as Prita about her holiday to India.

### Year 3

**English:** We will beginning to read 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson.

**Maths:** We will be solving word problems involving multiplication and division.

### Year 4:

**English:** We will be reading and exploring the text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan.

**Maths:** We will be multiplying 3-digit numbers and dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be learning to write a diary entry in the role of a character and how to plan a letter.

**Maths:** We will be learning to apply multiplication and division skills to word problems.

### Year 6:

**English:** We will be starting our Futurezone Poetry Project by exploring the poem 'If All the World Were Paper'.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

### Educational Visits and Workshops

Weds 29th November—Year 6 visit to the Natural History Museum.

Thursday 30th November – Year 1 at St Mary's Hornsey rise church

Wed 6th (5G) & Thur 7th (5B) Dec—Year 5 Creekside River Exploration

### Class Assemblies

Tues 21st Nov 3 Blue

Tues 28th Nov 5 Green

Tues 5th Dec 4 Blue

### Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

Year 1 Nativity—Wed 13th Dec & Thur 14th Dec

Christmas Carols—Monday 18th Dec 3:45 p.m.—Main hall

Year 4 show Tue 19th 1:45 p.m. & Wed 20th Dec 9:30 a.m.

### Tuck shop dates

Friday 24th November - Winter theme - N—Y 2 led  
And Friday 15th December - Christmas theme - Y 3—Y 4 led

### Term Dates:

End of term: Thursday 21st Dec School finishes at 1:30 p.m.



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Ashmount Primary School  
Community - Responsibility - Growth



**Ashmount's  
Christmas Jumper day  
2023**

**14th December**

**Wear a jumper and donate an item to the  
foodbank**



## Ashmount Primary Schools Annual Family Christmas Lunch

You are invited to join your child/children  
for Christmas lunch here at school on  
Thursday 14th December.

### Menu:

Roast turkey

Vegetable loaf

Roast potatoes

Peas, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts

Veg or meat chipolata

Christmas pudding or ice-cream

(some items may be subject to change)

### Please note:

One adult per family

Lunch will be with youngest child class —siblings will  
join

Cost is £5.50 per adult (booking is under older child's  
name)

Spaces are limited

Please book by email: [info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk)



# MAKE-DO PLAY

## BIG SWAP

**TOYS - CLOTHES - BOOKS**

Fundraising for  
another year of play!

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10.30-1.30

St Mary's Hornsey Rise N19 3AD

Bring along any unwanted toys,  
books and children's clothes.  
Take whatever you need  
and pay as you feel.  
(Bringing items is not required)

Plus a free outdoor play session for all ages.

[www.make-do-play.weebly.com](http://www.make-do-play.weebly.com)

@make\_do\_play



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## We are writers Poetry Competition Winners!





### Women in STEM!

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, eight Ashmount students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Gillespie Primary School to celebrate women in STEM.

The group voted to focus on Joan Beauchamp Procter: the first woman to curate the reptile house at ZSL. She was a zoologist. Specifically, a herpetologist – someone who studies reptiles and amphibians.

She used her artistic skills to design attractive recreations of the animals' habitats which improved their wellbeing and lifespan.

The group researched Joan and made posters about her. Then, they planned a habitat designing activity to take to Gillespie. The group had to lead the activity and explain to children from other schools how to complete the task.

They then had the opportunity to explore activities from other schools based on women scientists such as making DNA helixes out of sweets (Rosalind Franklin) and creating salt dough fossils (Mary Anning).



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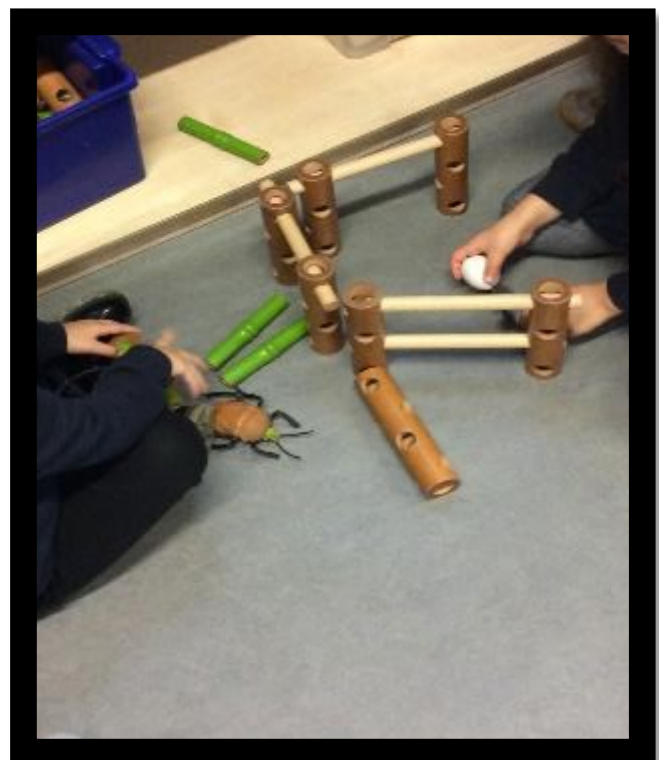
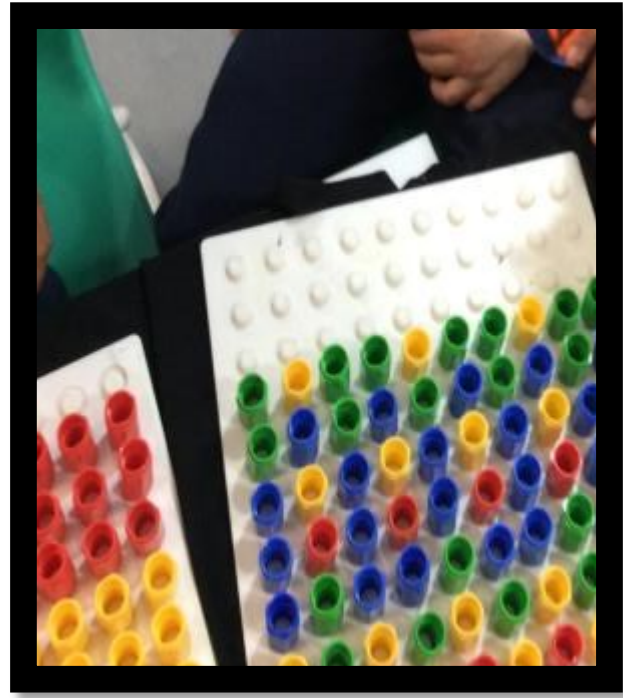
## Our learning in pictures: Nursery– Colour Mixing





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## Our learning in pictures: Reception





### Our learning in pictures: Year 1





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 2





### Our learning in pictures: Year 3





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## Our learning in pictures Year 4





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## Our learning in pictures Year 5



### Our learning in pictures Year 6

